(b) Two lecturers belonging to Scheduled Tribes and one Scheduled Castes are working in the teaching department and five belongs to Scheduled Castes, five belongs to OBC and one belong to minority are working *in* non-teaching department. So far as the new appointment on teaching post is concerned—one candidate belonging to Scheduled Tribes category has been appointed.

(c) Does not arise.

Top ten tourist places

1070. SHRI BRAHMKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the comparative figure of foreign and domestic tourists visiting the top ten tourists centres during the last three years;

(b) whether the top ten tourist centres of foreign and domestic tourists are in different States;

(c) if so, the reasons for visiting different top ten tourist centres in different States; *and*

(d) the States which are common in liking by the foreign as well as domestic tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) According to International Passenger Survey Report on Foreign Tourists dated December 1999, top ten places in India visited by foreign tourists alongwith estimated number of foreign tourist visits are as given below:—

SI.No.	Place Visited	Estimated Number of Foreign tourist visits
1.	Delhi	890196
2.	Mumbai	536388
3.	Agra	314825
4.	Chennai	256480
5.	Calcutta	251589
6.	Jaipur	208679
7.	Varanasi	126863
8.	Bangalore	101068
9.	Panjim	73921
10.	Udaipur	60922

On the basis of information furnished by State Government-UTs regarding domestic tourists for the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 top ten States popular with domestic tourists for each year along With estimated number of domestic tourists visit are as follows:—

State	Domestic Tourist Arrivals 1997	State	Domestic Tourist Arrivals 1998	State	Domestic Tourist Arrivals 1999
Utter Pradesh	37788000	Andhra Pradesh	39361338	Uttar Pradesh	45723700
Andhra Pradesh	36795060	Uttar Pradesh	38921640	Andhra Pradesh	41420784
Tamil Nadu	18975881	Tamil Nadu	19919557	Tamil Nadu	21470324
Karnataka	11760836	Karnataka	11996053	Karnataka	12595855
Bihar	8369580	Bihar	9039146	Bihar	9491103
Madhya Pradesh	7459061	Madhya Pradesh	7682832	Madhya Pradesh	8066974
Maharashtra	6974453	Maharashtra	7183687	Maharashtra	7542871
Rajasthan	6290115	Rajasthan	6478819	Rajasthan	6802760
Kerala	4953401	Kerala	5300139	Kerala	5063143
West Bengal	4577229	West Bengal	4635299	Jammu & Kashmir	4984773

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Tourists visit places of interest to them *like* historical places, places of pilgrimage, beaches, mountains and for adventure, etc.

(d) States which are liked by both foreign and domestic tourist are Uttar Praesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, etc.

Development of Buddhist circuit near Visakhapatnam

1071. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state the progress made in developing a Buddhist circuit with necessary infrastructure between Visakhapatnam and Bhimli to attract foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified the following Buddhist sites in Visakhapatnam District:

1. Sankaram
2. Bhavikonda
3. Thotlakonda
4. Kottur
5. Pavuralakonda

Under their District Tourism Plan, the State Government have selected the following Buddhist places in Visakhapatnam for development for the benefit of foreign as well as domestic tourists:

(a) Sankaram for providing shelter, cafeteria and recreational facilities.

(b) Bhavikonda—Ghat road and improvements to monuments.